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WASHINGTON, August 3, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 29 totaled 330,054, down 4.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 3.0 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 4.9 percent in the East and 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were down 4,819 cars (3.8 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,956 cars (6.8 percent). Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were down 1,738 cars (9.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 30 weeks of 1989 totaled 9,927,879, down 0.8 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 117,616 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 29, up 3.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of 1989 was 3,305,225 trailers and/or containers, 0.4 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 29 totaled 19.0 billion, 3.1 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 568.9 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,626	28,582	-6.8 %	24,937	6.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	950	1,056	-10.0	1,121	-15.3
Metallic Ores	20,471	20,776	-1.5	23,604	-13.3
Coal	121,802	126,621	-3.8	111,887	8.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,894	18,632	-9.3	17,311	-2.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,484	11,414	-8.1	10,205	2.7
Grain Mill Products	9,487	10,189	-6.9	9,796	-3.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,144	9,424	-3.0	8,734	4.7
Primary Forest Products	9,264	9,557	-3.1	9,302	-.4
Lumber & Wood Products	7,078	7,605	-6.9	6,803	4.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,620	11,022	-3.6	10,393	2.2
Chemicals	26,305	26,276	.1	27,242	-3.4
Petroleum Products	5,300	4,743	11.7	5,130	3.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,935	11,195	-2.3	10,503	4.1
Coke	5,760	6,297	-8.5	5,507	4.6
Metals & Products	9,654	10,789	-10.5	9,502	1.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,914	14,233	-2.2	12,858	8.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,285	9,550	-13.2	8,390	-1.3
All Other Carloads	7,081	7,006	1.1	7,120	-.5
Total	**330,054**	**344,967**	**-4.3 %**	**320,345**	**3.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 30 WEEKS ENDING JULY 29, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**330,054**	**344,967**	**-4.3 %**	**9,927,879**	**10,010,549**	**-.8 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,594	67,553	-1.4	1,911,282	1,986,350	-3.8
Containers	51,022	45,919	11.1	1,393,943	1,304,519	6.9
Total	**117,616**	**113,472**	**3.7**	**3,305,225**	**3,290,869**	**.4**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.0**	**19.6**	**-3.1 %**	**568.9**	**570.6**	**-.3 %**

NOTE: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

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